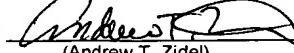




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In re Patent Application of:

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Filed: January 30, 2001

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APPARATUS AND METHOD AND
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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2005, finally rejecting claims 3, 4 and 8-10, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. A petition for a three (3) month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination are submitted herewith.



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After Final Rejection

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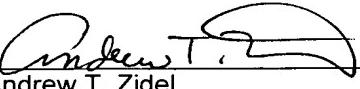
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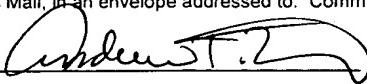

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